

## **Urgent Product Recall Powder Infant Formula**

September 22, 2010

Dear Customer:

Abbott is initiating a proactive, voluntary product recall of the attached list of certain Similac<sup>®</sup>-brand powder infant formulas. Our records show we have shipped you some of this product.

Abbott is recalling these products following an internal quality review, which detected the remote possibility of the presence of a small common beetle in the product produced in one production area in a single manufacturing facility. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that while the formula containing these beetles poses no immediate health risk, there is a possibility that infants who consume formula containing the beetles or their larvae, could experience symptoms of gastrointestinal discomfort and refusal to eat as a result of small insect parts irritating the GI tract. If these symptoms persist for more than a few days, a physician should be consulted.

This recall affects **ONLY** the Similac-brand powder products which are listed in the attached materials. Please review the attached information for identifying specific lot numbers that may be in your inventory.

This recall does NOT apply to any other powder product with different lot codes and it does not apply to any Abbott liquid products. Products NOT involved in the recall include all Abbott liquid ready-to-feed and concentrated infant formulas and all powder and liquid specialty formulas, such as Similac Expert Care<sup>™</sup>, Alimentum<sup>®</sup>, EleCare<sup>®</sup>, Similac Expert Care<sup>™</sup> NeoSure<sup>®</sup>, Similac<sup>®</sup> Human Milk Fortifier and metabolic formulas for inherited disorders.

Please immediately check your inventory for this product. The product lot numbers are located on the bottom of the individual container. Please place these product lots on hold and return the recalled powder product in accordance with the following instructions:

1-9 cases: **Please go to [www.similac.com/recall/retail](http://www.similac.com/recall/retail) to receive FedEx Ground Call Tags.**

10+ cases: Please contact ABF ByRequest directly at 1-866-643-9477 to schedule a pick-up. ABF ByRequest is available between 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.

In addition, if you are a distributor, please notify your customers of this important recall, instruct them to check their inventory for affected product, place the product on hold and contact us at 1-800-986-8850 or visit [www.similac.com/recall/retail](http://www.similac.com/recall/retail).

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been notified of this voluntary recall and may contact you as part of their recall effectiveness check.

If you have any questions, please contact an Abbott Consumer Relations Representative at 1-800-986-8850, 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this action has caused you and appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

*J. Scott White*

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Abbott

Attachments:

List of specific lot numbers

Photos of bottom of product container types showing lot code